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## Sussex County to host all-hazards plan meeting

Document serves as plan of action to cope in wake of natural, manmade disasters

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1030 Hours, Thursday Aug. 18, 2016

The Sussex County Emergency Operations Center invites residents and property owners to attend an upcoming public meeting to offer ideas and comments on a federally required update to the County's All Hazard Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan.

The meeting will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016, at the Sussex County EOC, 21911 Rudder Lane, east of Georgetown.

The hazard mitigation plan, first adopted in 2005 and updated in 2010, serves as a comprehensive, long-term planning tool used to identify various strategies local emergency planners would use in the event of a disaster. The overall goal of the effort is to reduce or eliminate the loss of human life and damage to property as a result of hazards, both natural and man-made.

Local jurisdictions must update their plans every five years. As part of that process, the public has the opportunity to review the plan, offer input, and help shape the update. County emergency planners intend to present updated mitigation actions for the plan revision later this fall.

For more information, to view the current plan and future updates, as well as submit comments, visit <a href="http://www.sussexcountyde.gov/all-hazard-mitigation-plan">http://www.sussexcountyde.gov/all-hazard-mitigation-plan</a>. For questions, please contact EOC Director Joseph L. Thomas at (302) 855-7801.

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